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SUBJ: EC COMMISSIONER CHEYSSON COMMENTS TO PRESS ON
TRIP TO ANGOLA

REF: BRUSSELS 13560

1. DURING JULY 14 PRESS CONFERENCE ON HIS RECENT TRAVELS
IN AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST, EC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER
CHEYSSON COMMENTED ON HIS JULY 6-7 VISIT TO LUANDA.
CHEYSSON SAID FACT THAT NETO HAD PERSONALLY INVITED HIM
AND KEEN INTEREST NETO DISPLAYED AS CHEYSSON EXPLAINED EC
FOOD AID AND OTHER ASSISTANCE POLICIES CONVINCED HIM
THAT ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT WANTS A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE
COMMUNITY. CHEYSSON DESCRIBED HIS TRIP AS ONLY A "FIRST
STEP" IN EC-GOA RELATIONS AND SAID THEIR FUTURE DEVELOP-
MENT DEPENDS ON LUANDA. CHEYSSON SAID NETO HAD EMPHASIZED
THAT ANGOLA WANTS TO BE PERCEIVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY TO BE INDEPENDENT. CHEYSSON THOUGHT HE HAD
PERSUASIVELY DEMONSTRATED THAT THE EC DOES NOT PLACE
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POLITICAL CONDITIONS ON PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
CHEYSSON ACKNOWLEDGED TO NEWSMEN THAT THE ANGOLAN ECONOMY
IS IN BAD SHAPE, SAYING THAT ONE REASON IS THAT ANGOLA'S
SKILLED MANPOWER HAD BEEN LARGE PY PORTUGUESE WHO LEFT
WHEN THE COUNTRY BECAME INDEPENDENT.

2. CHEYSSON SAID NETO TOLD HIM "IN A RATHER CONVINCING

WAY" THAT LUANDA WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR RECENT SHABA
INVASION AND THAT DESTABILIZATION IN ZAIRE IS NOT IN
ANGOLA'S INTEREST SINCE THERE CAN BE NO REAL RECONCILIA-
TION OF ANGLOA-ZAIRE DIFFICULTIES WITHOUT STABILITY IN
ZAIRE. HINTON

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